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cc: MASS DEP
Town Administrator, Barry Brenner
Acting Public Works Director, Kara Buzanoski
Town Planner, Kathy Joubert

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6. The Town of Northborough has completed the self-assessment of section 6, Municipal Good Housekeeping, and finds the Town to be in substantial compliance with the permit conditions as outlined below:
 - 6a. **IMPLEMENT STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM** – At this time the street sweeping program has been initiated and completed for this permit year.
 - 6b. **IMPLEMENT CATCH BASIN CLEANING PROGRAM** – The Town continues to conduct their catch basin cleaning program.
 - 6c, d & e. **PERFORM SITE VISITS TO EXAMINE EXISTING PRACTICES AT FACILITIES** – All three Town garages have been inspected for this permit year and were determined to be in compliance. Each of the facilities is visited annually and all follow-ups are performed as required.

1. For Year Three, the Town of Northborough has completed the self-assessment of section 1, Public Education. All but one of the items listed on our original report have been completed. Please note that the Engineering Department, which is primarily responsible for the coordination of the Phase II program, has been reduced to one full time engineer due to the retirement of the Assistant Town Engineer. We are substantially in compliance with the permit conditions as outlined below:
 - 1a. POST NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION POSTERS – This has been accomplished. They are posted in the Town Hall.
 - 1b. AIR STORMWATER MESSAGE ON LOCAL CABLE CHANNEL – This has been accomplished. The messages are also included in the monthly town newsletter.
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 - 1g. STORMWATER FLYER SENT TO COMMUNITY BUSINESSES – This has not been accomplished.
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